

REMARKS

Claims 10-16 are pending. Claims 1-9 and 17-21 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-9 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicant respectfully traverses, however, claims 1-9 and 17-21 have been canceled, thus the rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-9 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections.

Applicant respectfully traverses, however, claims 1-9 and 17-21 have been canceled, thus the rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-9 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Heile, U. S. Patent 6,026,226 (Heile).

Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office stated claims 10-16 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully traverses the 102 rejection of claims 1-9 and 17-21. However, Claims 1-9 and 17-21 have been canceled, thus the rejection is now moot.

Applicant understands that the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter given by the Patent Office were made in accordance with the following instruction per MPEP § 1302.14:

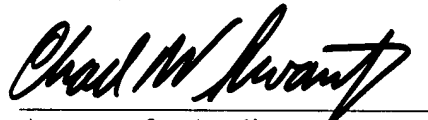
"The statement is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth."

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing amendments, reconsideration of the claims is hereby requested, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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